

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 were presented and examined. In response to the Office Action, Claims 1, 5, 8-9, 11-13, 15, 20, and 23-24 are amended, no claims are added, and Claim 22 is cancelled. Applicant requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.

Objection to the Claims

Claims 1, 8, and 15; 4-6; and 11-13 are objected to because of specified informalities. In response, Claims 1, 5, 8, 12, and 15 are amended according to the Examiner's suggestion. Reconsideration is requested.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 8-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In response, Claim 8 is amended to recite "a computer readable storage medium including program instructions that, when executed by a processor, cause a computer to perform a method comprising". In addition, Claims 9 and 11-13 are amended to recite "wherein the method performed by the computer further comprises". In view of the amendment to Claims 8, 9, and 11-13, please reconsider and withdraw the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, rejection of Claims 8-14.

Claims 20-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In response, Claim 20 is amended as follows:

a communications interface to repeat the transmission of a pulse signal over a respective transmission channel until a delay/amplitude echo map of the respective transmission channel is received from a communication receiving station communicably coupled to the respective transmission channel.

As recited by amended Claim 20, "a communication receiving station" refers to a communications station that is communicably coupled to the respective transmission channel over which a pulsed signal is repeatedly transmitted. Hence, Claim 20 as amended now

particularly points out and distinctly claims the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Therefore, please reconsider and withdraw the rejection of Claims 20, 21, and 23-25.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's indication that Claims 1-25 would be allowable if rewritten. Please allow these claims in view of the amendments herein.

CONCLUSION

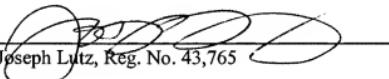
In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending, namely 1-25, patentably define the subject invention over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, particularly extension of time fees. If a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

Respectfully submitted,
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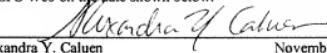
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